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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Sang-Hun SUNG, Cheol-Hee LEE

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APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ACQUIRING MULTI-USER October 4, 2000

SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION IN CODE DIVISION MULTIPLE

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to initial examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified Sir: application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

## Please amend claims 17 and 18 as follows:

(Amended) The system of claim 14, wherein [the delay circuit comprises a plurality of taps configured to sequentially delay each of the pilot signals by a prescribed delay time] the received pilot signals are pre-aligned.

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